

## Interview Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Group Art Unit

3661

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Date of Interview Oct 9, 2001Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conferencec) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 9

Identification of prior art discussed:

Banister (EP0265661) and Roder (US patent 4,694,139)Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

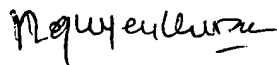
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant proposes amending claims 1 and 9 and explains that the final rotational axis of the robot system is defined as the final rotational axis of the wrist. Applicant explains that by maintaining the arm of the robot fixed and just moving the tool unit around a work piece, accuracy is improved. Since the machine of Banister and Roder is a one piece machine, the whole arm of the machine needs to rotate when moving around a work piece, this reduces accuracy. Applicant, further, explains that the tool unit of Roder is not removable, it is just included in a one piece arm. Examiner explains that the machine of Roder appears to perform the same function as the claimed invention. The distal end of the machine of Roder can be moved in different configurations and is capable of moving around a work piece with the upper arm portion 17 & 3 (fig.2) fixed (figs 2-29). Further, the tool with removable feature is not claimed, Even if claimed, making a fixed part removable require only routine skill in the art. Applicant is suggested to amend the claims and overcome 35 USC

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached



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